



Big Cottonwood Canyon

REQUEST FOR APPROPRIATION

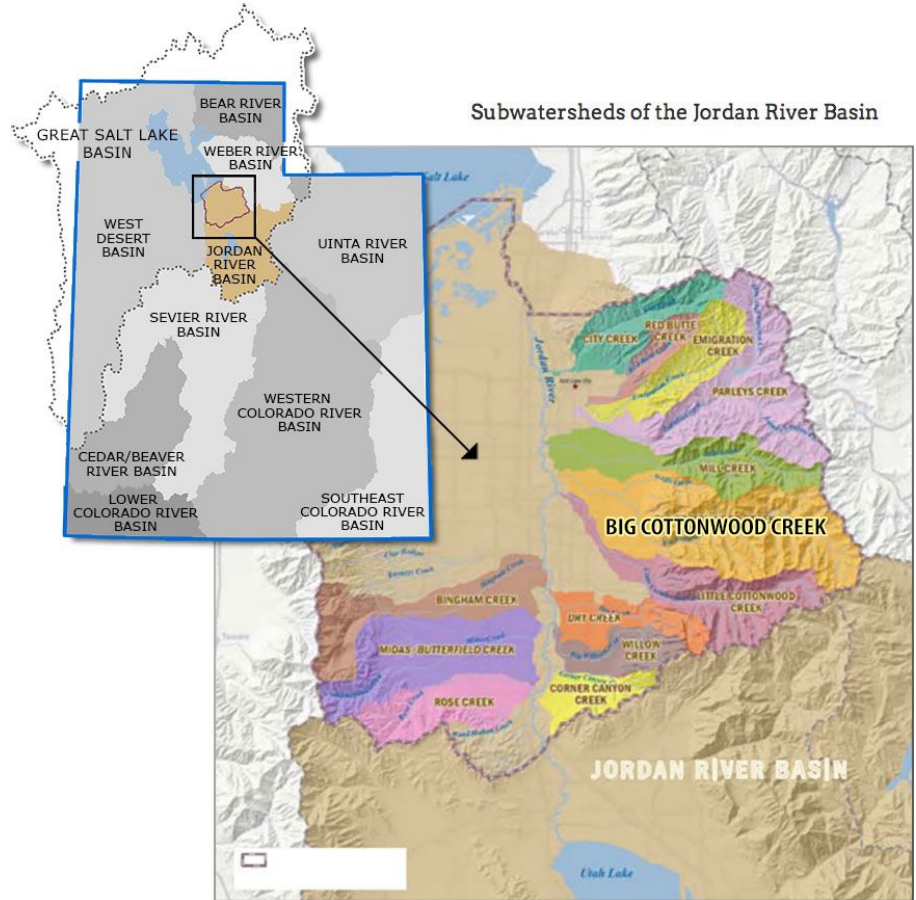


2,000,000 ANNUAL VISITORS.

Big Cottonwood Canyon is a huge attraction for the State of Utah.

It provides a large **economic**, **environmental** and **recreational benefit** to Utah:

- 2 world class ski resorts
- Wasatch National Forest <50 miles of trails
- Salt Lake's largest watershed



In 2017 SB 277 appropriated \$100 million for transportation projects.
\$60 million of it went to Little Cottonwood Canyon EIS.

Date	Big Cottonwood	Little Cottonwood
Memorial Day	4,225	2,231
July 3	9,206	3,024
July 24	8,284	3,986
October 3	10,978	7,339
October 4	10,052(leaf-peepers)	2,140
December 10	9,445	2,928
December 26	6,530	3,592
December 31	6,260	4,042

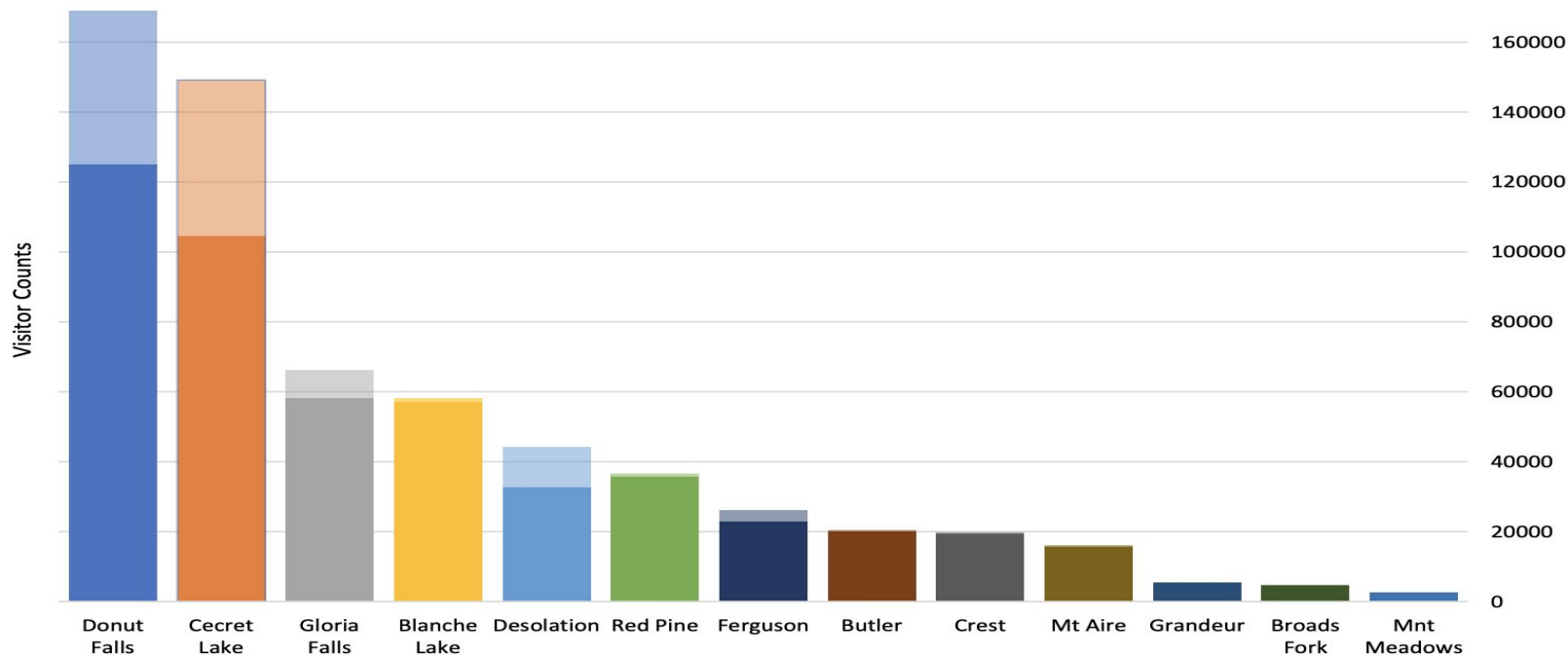
**LCC EIS was conducted
before Covid pandemic
exponentially increased
traffic in BCC.**

Most visited trail in Wasatch Front is in BCC

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Numbers collected pre covid

Total Visitation by Trail

**Data represents total TRAFx counts, thus counting visitors coming and going*





The current situation in Big Cottonwood Canyon requires immediate focus.

- Many days in the summer with over **5,000** vehicles in the canyon
- Winter weekends often see **6,000–7,000** vehicles in the canyon
- These numbers push the envelope for the current BCC infrastructure capacity for police, restrooms, roadside parking, and public transit.
- Current traffic and parking issues often make the canyon congested, which is unwelcoming to our visitors, a challenge for residents and businesses, and, according to the USFS, causes environmental damage.

\$10 million
for long term
planning in
Big Cottonwood
Canyon

1. Cooperative Plan that includes UTA, UDOT, USFS, Salt Lake Public Utilities, Central Wasatch Commission
2. Hire engineers to develop a traffic mitigation plan
3. Greatly increase the use of public transportation
 - a. Increase the number and frequency of bus service
 - b. Build 2 transportation hubs, adjacent to each ski area
 - c. Offer summer bus service on weekends
 - d. Restripe Brighton Loop Rd to create a bus lane
4. Perform a capacity study
5. Environmental maintenance projects such as additional restrooms that protect the watershed and trailheads.
6. Assist in paying for the construction of a parking garage

Further Data

[Traffic Flow numbers](#) in Big Cottonwood Canyon And
Little Cottonwood Canyon